

## **In Situ Mining: Uranium**

### **NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION AND NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED IN SITU URANIUM MINING PERMIT OR AMENDMENT**

#### **W.S. §35-11-406(j) - Second Publication**

Upon notification by the Land Quality Division the applicant shall commence the following. Please note that public notice or hearing is not required for an in situ uranium operation that is amending lands if the lands will not be used for underground injection activities and they do not exceed 20% of the original permit area and are contiguous with the permit area (W.S. §35-11-406(a)(xii)):

1. A copy of the application needs to be filed with the Office of the County Clerk in the counties in which the proposed permit area is located no later than the first day of publication. **THIS COPY SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE AFTER PERMIT APPROVAL. Immediately following filing, submit an affidavit of filing from the Office of the County Clerk to the Land Quality Division.**
2. Publish a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality of the proposed operation once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks (see sample format below).
3. Mail within five (5) days after the first publication, copies of the notice to all parties as given in W.S. §35-11-406(j) (as amended in 1995) and an application mine plan map to the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, PO Box 2640, Casper, WY 82602 or 2211 King Blvd, Casper, WY 82604.
4. On completion of publication submit a sworn affidavit from the newspaper and a copy of the notice to the Land Quality Division and the Water Quality Division.
5. As soon as possible and several weeks before the end of the public comment period, submit a sworn statement of mailing to the Land Quality Division. Please use the example affidavit of mailing which is attached.

SECOND PUBLICATION  
SAMPLE FORMAT FOR URANIUM IN SITU PERMITS/AMENDMENTS

Public Notice

The (Company Name) of (Main Company Location) has applied for an in situ mining permit (amendment) from the Land Quality Division of the Department of Environmental Quality of the State of Wyoming. The mining permit (amendment) area for the mining of uranium will be located in: (legal description of permit area - Section, Township, Range, USGS 7.5' Topographic Quadrangle Map, County), Wyoming. The area is approximately (locate the area relative to the closest town and a natural landmark, i.e.: a water source or a physical attribute of the area – example; road, cliff, mountain, canyon, gorge, desert, etc.). The proposed operation is scheduled to begin (month and year) and is estimated to continue until (year).

Information regarding the proposed mining operation and reclamation/restoration procedures may be reviewed in the office of the Land Quality Division of the Department of Environmental Quality in Cheyenne and (Location of local District Office), or the (County Name) County Clerk's Office (City Name), Wyoming. Written objections to the proposed mining operation must be received by the Administrator of the Land Quality Division of the Department of Environmental Quality, 200 West 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 10, Cheyenne, WY 82002, before the close of business, (Date 30 days after last publication). If an objection specifically requests a public hearing before the Environmental Quality Council, a public hearing shall be held within twenty (20) days after the final date for filing objections unless a different period is stipulated to by the parties. The Environmental Quality Council or Director shall publish notice of the time, date and location of the hearing or conference in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality of the proposed operation once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks immediately prior to the hearing or conference. The hearing shall be conducted as a contested case in accordance with the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act (W.S. §16-3-101 through 16-3-115) and the right of judicial review shall be afforded as provided in that Act. All parties as identified in W.S. §35-11-406(j) will be mailed a copy of this notice. The Wyoming Oil and Gas Commission will be mailed a copy of the application mine plan map as required in W.S. §35-11-406(j).

Pursuant to Water Quality Divisions Rules and Regulations Chapter 8, the Water Quality Division of the Department of Environmental Quality will administer a separate public notice and comment period for the proposed classification of the groundwater in the production zones as Class V (Mineral Commercial) and the aquifer exemption requested from the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
LAND QUALITY DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE (TYPE OF PERMIT) )  
PERMIT APPLICATION OF (ENTITY), )  
TFN \_\_\_\_\_ )

**AFFIDAVIT OF (NAME OF AFFIANT)**  
**OF NOTICE**

I, (NAME), after being duly sworn upon my oath, deposes and states as follows:

1. I am appointed to the office of (POSITION), for (COMPANY). I am submitting this affidavit to comply with the sworn statement requirement in W.S. §35-11-406(j). In my capacity as (POSITION), I am responsible for ensuring that (COMPANY NAME) has complied with the notice requirements in W.S. §35-11-406(j) for the above-captioned permit application. This application is for a uranium in situ mine permit/permit amendment.

2. On (DATE), (COMPANY NAME) received notice from the Department of Environmental Quality, Land Quality Division that it has determined our application is complete and suitable for final publication.

3. On (DATE), (NAME OF NEWSPAPER) printed the first notice in the required four week sequence for final publication of this application. On (DATE), (COMPANY NAME) mailed a copy of the notice to all surface owners of record of the land within the permit area, to all surface owners of record of immediately adjacent lands, and to all surface owners within one-half (½) mile of the proposed mining site. On (DATE), (COMPANY NAME) mailed a copy of the application mining plan map to the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

DATED \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
(TYPE NAME AND TITLE HERE)

STATE OF WYOMING )  
 )ss.  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

Subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me by \_\_\_\_\_  
on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_